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POWER
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COLLABORATION WITH AUSTRIA FOR HYDRO-ELECTRIC CAPACITY
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to collaborate with Austria for rapid development of hydro-electric capacity in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a proposal to constitute a joint-working group comprising of officials from both the countries in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (d) : The Government of Austria has expressed willingness to share its technical expertise in the development of hydro power potential in India. During the meeting of the Union Minister of Power with the Austrian Minister for Economic Affairsand Labour on 21.5.2001, it was agreed by both sides that a Joint Working Group should be set up within the frame-work of the Indo-Austrian Joint Economic Commission to dealspecifically with issues relating to Indo-Austrian Cooperation in Energy and Power sectorwith the areas of cooperation to be mutually settled.